

Introduces Bill to Create National Manufacturing Strategy

Washington, DC – Today, Congressman Bruce Braley (IA-01) introduced a bill to develop a national manufacturing strategy and bring more manufacturing jobs back to America.

“America once led the world in manufacturing,” said Rep. Braley. “But over the last decade, we’ve lost millions of manufacturing jobs and that has to change. We must be a country that builds things again. That’s why we need a forward-thinking manufacturing strategy that puts American workers and consumers first. This bill is the first step to creating stable, good-paying manufacturing jobs for middle class workers right here in America.”

The National Manufacturing Strategy Act would require the President to establish a Manufacturing Strategy Board within the Commerce Department. The Board would consist of federal officials, two state Governors from different political parties, and nine private-sector leaders and stakeholders from the manufacturing industry.

The Board would conduct a comprehensive analysis of the manufacturing sector covering everything from trade issues and financing to the defense industrial base. Based on this analysis, the President’s Board would then develop a national manufacturing strategy.

This strategy would include short and long-term goals for the manufacturing industry and specific recommendations on how to achieve those goals. This bill was overwhelmingly passed by the House last year.